



# WELCOME TO MEET THE TEACHER

Ms. Gresham's  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
2019-2020



# OUR LEARNING IS MADE UP OF ...

The individual children

My approach towards pedagogy

Whole school policy

Our curriculum and the VA Standards of Learning

Your support as a parent or family member

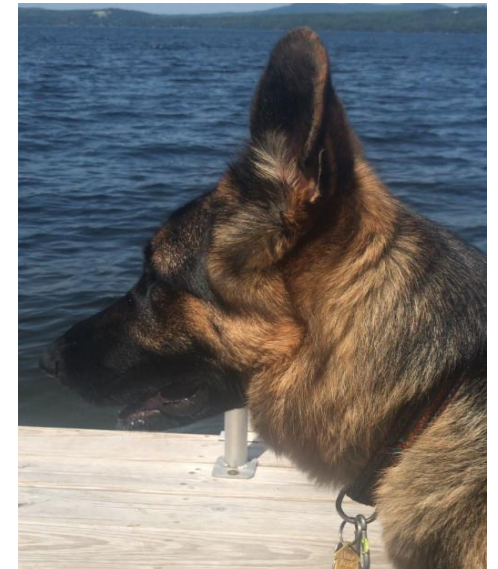
# BIOGRAPHY

- Georgetown University '98, BA in Theology and Art History
- Tufts University '04, Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Pre-Medical/Vet Sciences
- Approximately a decade of being a full-time mom of three in England (Henry is now in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Alice is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Ben is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Teaching in Years 3 and 4 in Cambridge, UK.
- University of Cambridge '18, MEd in Elementary Education

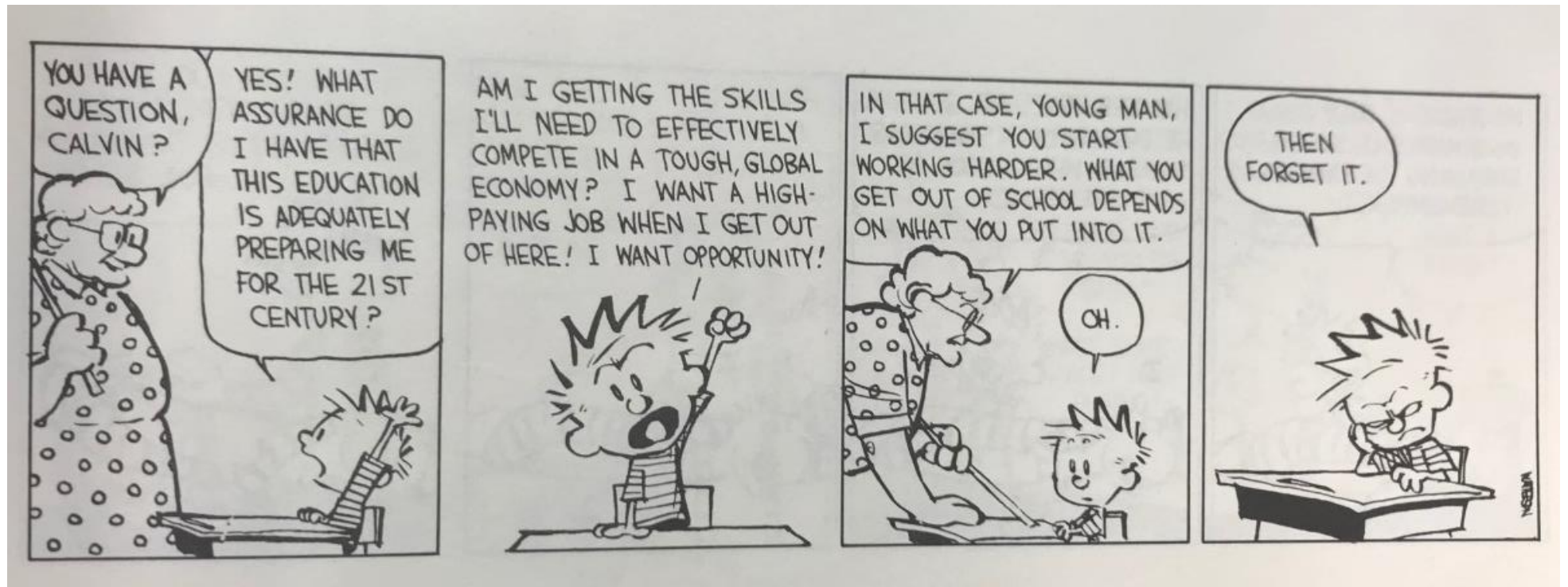
## Special interests:

- Motivation in under-achieving writers
- Creative mathematics for high-attaining children
- Inclusion for special education students
- Values education and the use of growth mindset for improved attainment
- Addressing misconception in science through student-led experimentation
- Just about anything else to do with your child's brain 😊

My few minutes outside work and looking after my kids, I like to walk with my 1 year old German Shepherd, Leila. My favorite places in the world are Rangeley, Maine, and just about anywhere in London.



# MATH



Number and place value

- IXL

The four operations

- Reflex

Geometry

→ Accounts and passwords on their way shortly ...

Measurement

Probability

# READING

- Ways to read
  - Decoding
  - Fluency
  - Comprehension
- Text types
  - Fiction
  - Non-fiction
  - Poetry

What readers do

- Predict
- Visualize
- Question
- Summarize
- Connect
  - To themselves
  - Other books
  - The world around them





# WRITING

Spelling

Content

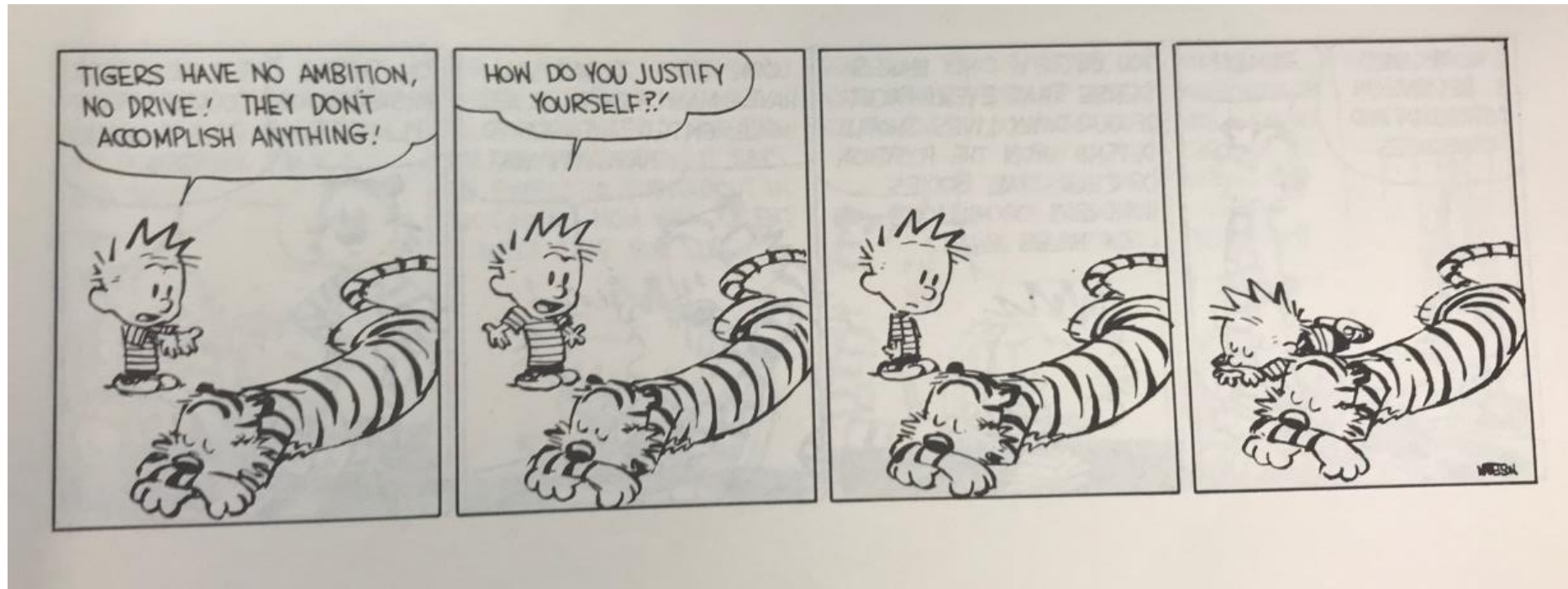
Grammar

Punctuation

Handwriting

Keyboarding

Presentation



→ We are focusing on the writing process and building stamina

# SCIENCE

Scientific Method

Force and Motion

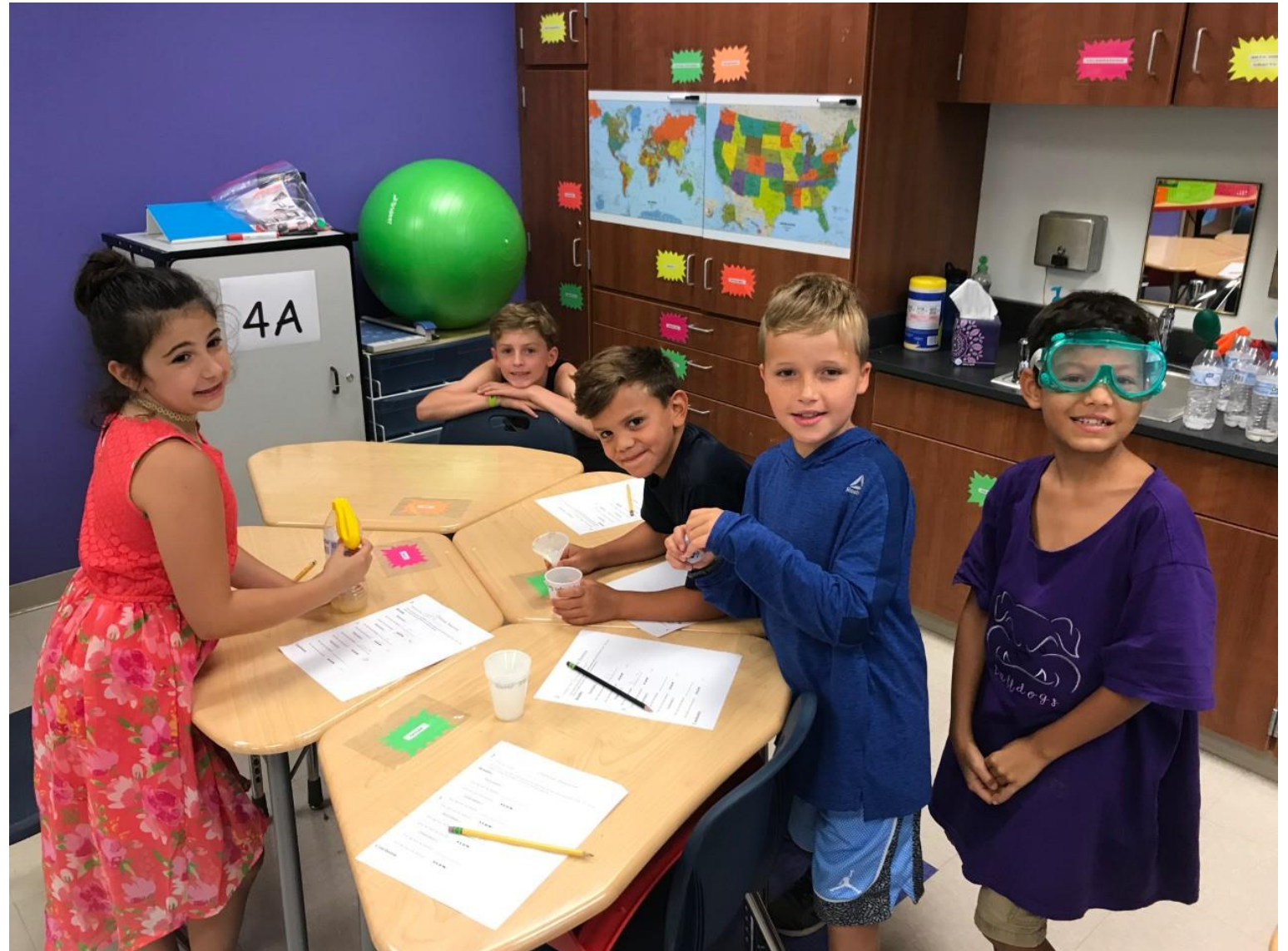
Living Systems

Electricity

Weather

Plants

Solar System



# SOCIAL STUDIES — VA STUDIES

Regions

First inhabitants

Jamestown

VA Colony

American Revolution

New nation and government

Civil War

VA in the 20<sup>th</sup> C.





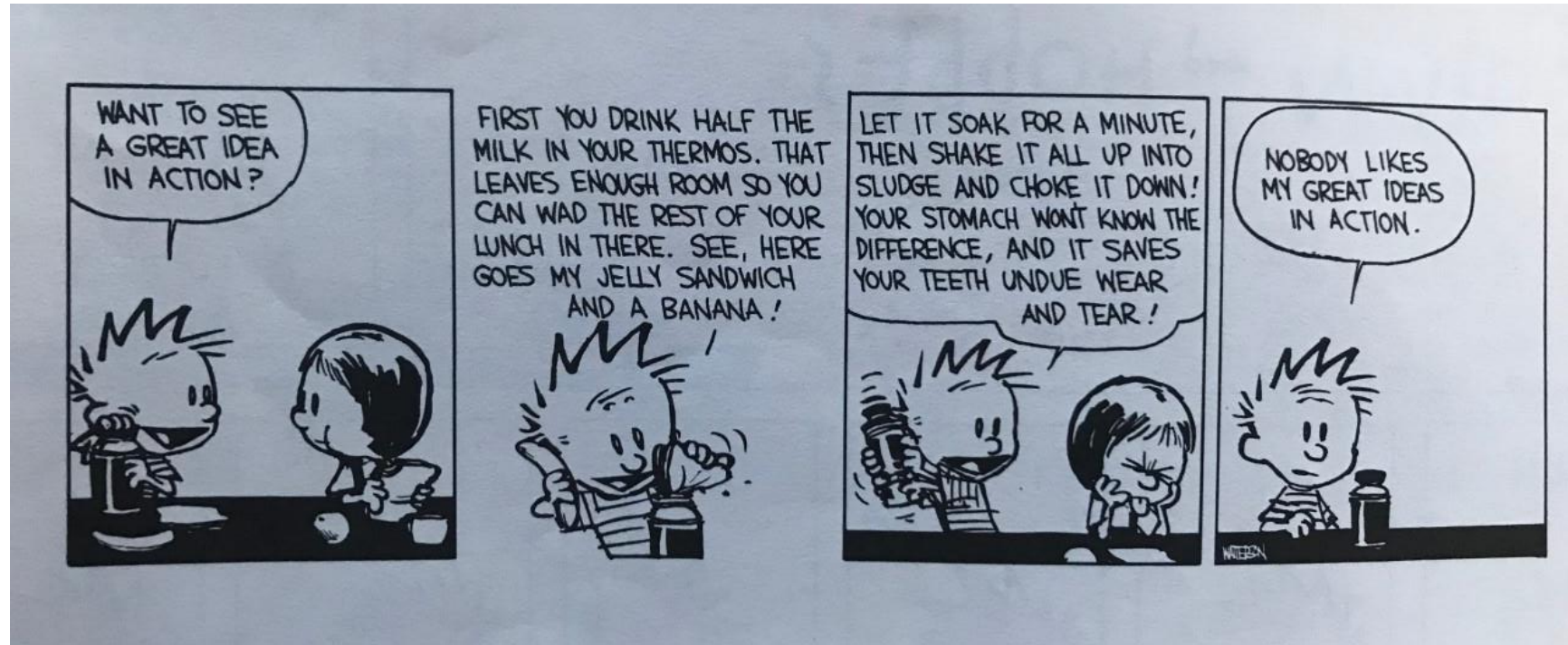
# THE REST OF OUR TIME ...

## Specials

- PE 2x/week
- Art
- Music
- Library
- Lunch
- Recess

## Classroom

- Arrival – book choice
- Meeting – discussion, values, and wellbeing
- Story – Mr. Terupt



# OTHER ADULTS IN OUR CLASSROOM

Julie Hamilton – Speech Therapist

Kim Moore – Special Education Teacher

Naomi Gardner – Paraprofessional

Jordan Clarke – Math Teacher for Gifted Program

... Math Support Specialist

Sherri Miller – Reading Support Specialist

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Ensure that the children are well-rested, healthily fed, and openly supported in their learning, so they can show up encouraged and ready to learn, every single day.

Read alongside your child.

Be creative alongside your child.

Provide access to technology in safe ways and for limited quantities of time.

- Help your child study for upcoming quizzes by talking through their learning with them. You do not need to know anything about the subject to be able to do this; simply be there to ask them questions, listen to what they can talk about, and support them in looking for information that they do not yet know.

# GROWTH MINDSET



“If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and keep on learning. That way, they won’t be (servants) of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.”

- Carol Dweck



# COMMUNICATION

Class Tag app

- I can provide reminders and notices easily to the whole class.
- There is also a place for sign ups to be organized more easily.

Monday Folder

Study Folder

Weekly Newsletter

Phone – through the school office

Email – [egresham@lexedu.org](mailto:egresham@lexedu.org)

Website – on the school website, via directory.

# SOLS — STANDARDIZED TESTS IN MAY

Reading

Math

VA Studies

(4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science is covered on 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science test)

“Test scores and measures of achievement tell you where a student is,  
but they don’t tell you where a student could end up.”

# QUESTIONS?

Flexible seating ...



# THANK YOU.

It is a privilege to share space and time with these wonderful children. I adore them. They make this job joyful and compelling each and every day.

